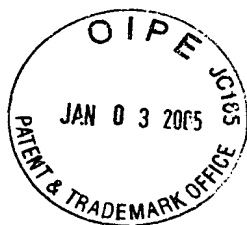


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In re application of: Dieter PAUSCHINGER et al. GROUP ART UNIT: 3621

SERIAL NO.: 09/723,029 EXAMINER: Firmin Backer

FILED: November 27, 2000 CONFIRMATION NO.: 5658

TITLE: "METHOD FOR PROTECTING A DEVICE AGAINST OPERATION WITH UNALLOWED CONSUMABLES AND ARRANGEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METHOD" AMENDMENT "E"

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$135.00 ( ) \$270.00 ONE TIME	
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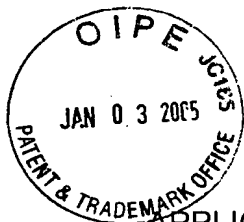
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In response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2004, Applicants herewith  
amend the application as follows.